GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SARAS FAIRS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Saras fairs held during the last three years;

(b) the amount of sale proceeds from these fairs; State-wise;

(c) the extent to which these fairs have benefited Self Help Groups;

(d) whether it is proposed to organise saras fairs on a larger scale and more frequently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

(d)&(e) As per the present policy of the Government, the Ministry of Rural Development grants financial assistance to State Governments for organising only one SARAS Fair in each State annually.